

# Hongkong Telegraph

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THIRTY DOLLARS  
PER ANNUM.

## Banks.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF  
INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,500,000  
SUBSCRIBED £1,185,000

BANKERS:  
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT  
ACCOUNTS at the rate of 3 per cent.  
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS—  
For 12 Months.....5 per cent.  
" 6 ".....4 " "  
" 3 ".....3 " "

JOHN THURBURN,  
Manager, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [20]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,  
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital.....£1,000,000  
Subscribed Capital.....£500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:  
D. Gillies, Esq., Chairman  
Chan Kit Shan, Esq., Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.,  
H. Stollerfoth, Esq.,  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches:—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and  
Amoy.

BANKERS:—

The Commercial Bank of Scotland,  
Parry Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.  
Hongkong, 16th November, 1893. [7]

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND  
THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....£1,000,000  
CAPITAL PAID-UP.....£251,093.15.0

BANKERS:  
CAPITAL & COUNTIES BANK, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:  
No. 3, PRINCE'S STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:  
BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND  
SHANGHAI.

AGENCIES:  
PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST,  
ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS  
AND Fixed Deposits can be ascertained  
on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange  
business transacted.

CHARTREY INCHBALD,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [210]

## Insurance.

THE  
STANDARD  
ENDOWMENT  
ASSURANCE.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANTAGES  
of this form of Assurance, the  
following may be mentioned:—

- (a)—It secures an immediate Provision  
for wife and family or other relatives  
in event of early death.
- (b)—It provides a Fund for Retirement.
- (c)—It supplies an excellent Investment  
for the regular accumulation of  
small fixed sums of money.
- (d)—The Surrender and loan values are  
higher than under ordinary Policies.

2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN  
THREE YEARS IN FORCE—  
should the Policy-holder wish to dis-  
continue future payments—he will  
be entitled to receive, on application,  
a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a  
proportionate amount of the Sum  
Assured, as explained in the Pro-  
spectus.

Full particulars on application,  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents.

STANDARD LIFE OFFICE,  
Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [147]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....£1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept  
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,  
&c. Policies granted to all parts of the world  
payable at any of its Agencies.

HEAD OFFICE:  
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,  
Hongkong, 24th November, 1893. [186]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,  
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAIHS 600,000.....\$233,333.33

EQUAL TO  
RESERVE FUND.....\$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:  
LEE SING, Esq., LO YUEN MOON, Esq.,  
LOU YU SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMIL

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken  
at CURRENT RATES on all parts of the  
world.

HEAD OFFICE:—5, PRINCE STREET,  
Hongkong, 17th December, 1893. [174]

## Intimations.

REPARTIÇÃO DE FAZENDA  
PROVINCIAL DE MACAU E TIMOR.

IT is hereby notified that on the 12th of April  
prox., about One o'clock in the Afternoon,  
the Committee appointed by the Royal Decree  
No. 114 of 11th December, 1891, will receive in  
this Office, TENDERS for the exclusive privilege  
of SELLING, MAKING, IMPORTING and  
EXPORTING GUNPOWDER, SALTPETRE  
and SULPHUR in MACAU, TAIPA, COLAIRE  
and their dependencies, for the time of Twenty  
five Months, commencing on the 1st of June  
next, and will adjudicate the same to him  
who bids the highest price, should that be  
accepted. The terms on which the Contract  
shall be grounded are public in this Office every  
useful day from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. The following  
Regulations must be observed:—

1ST.  
Tenders shall be delivered to the Committee  
when the Auction Hall is set open, and fifteen  
minutes afterwards they shall be opened by the  
same Committee.

2ND.  
Tenders shall be expressed in the following  
terms and signed by the persons tendering, the  
sum offered being therein stated:—

"I offer the sum of.....Dollars  
a year for the sole privilege of Selling, Making,  
Importing and Exporting Gunpowder, Saltpetre and  
Sulphur in Macau, Taipa, Colaïre and their  
dependencies, and submit myself to the terms  
which are public in the Office of the Fazenda  
Provincial.  
Macau, 12th of April, 1894.  
(Signature)....."

3RD.  
No Tender will be received out of the time  
set herebefore, and that which is expressed in  
different form will not be considered.

4TH.  
Tenders must, in the act of delivering their  
tenders, produce a receipt to the effect that they  
have deposited in the Colonial Treasury the sum  
of \$500, as a pledge of the bond fides of their  
offer, which sum shall be returned to the  
tenderer who have not succeeded, as soon as  
the Auction is over. Should the successful  
tenderer refuse to sign the Contract or fail to  
make up immediately the amount of one third  
of the Annual price for which the adjudication  
is made to him, the sum he has deposited shall  
be forfeited to the Fazenda.

5TH.  
The Tenders, as soon as the time fixed by  
Regulation 1 is over, shall be opened by the  
Committee and read aloud, and the adjudication  
shall forthwith be granted to the tenderer who  
has offered the highest price.

6TH.  
The Committee reserve to themselves the  
following rights:—  
(a).—To make any alteration in the terms  
public in this Office until the 10th of April prox.,  
up to 3 o'clock P.M.

(b).—To proceed to verbal bidding, in the  
event of there being two equal tenders at the  
highest price. In such case, only the signers of  
these tenders are allowed to bid.

(c).—To withhold the adjudication if they  
think the highest tender not suitable.

7TH.  
The adjudication is definite and therefore the  
Contract shall be made immediately after it has  
been made.

In case that the adjudication is not made,  
another Auction will take place on the 19th of  
April at the same hour and place, the same  
regulations being fully observed.

Repartição de Fazenda Provincial de Macau  
e Timor, em 20 de Março de 1894.

(Signed) ARTHUR T. BARBOSA,  
Inspector de Fazenda.

THE NEW BALMORAL GOLD MINING  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

SHAREHOLDERS are reminded that the  
CALL OF FIFTY CENTS per Share, as set  
forth in the PROSPECTUS, falls due on the  
31st March, and should be PAID to the Under-  
signed at No. 9, PRINCE STREET, to whom the  
SCRIP should be sent for endorsement.

W. HUTTON POTTS,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1894. [393]

N.B.—The SCRIP for the NEW ONE DOLLAR  
Shares is now ready, and may be had on applica-  
tion at the above address, against the Hong-  
kong and Shanghai Bank's allotment receipt.

## THE PHARMACY.

FLETCHER & Co. Dispensing and Retail  
Chemists, Perfumers, Druggists Sundries,  
and Patent Medicine Vendors.

per dozen.  
KEPLER'S MALT.....\$14.00  
KEPLER'S MALT and OIL.....\$14.00  
SCOTT'S EMULSION.....\$13.00  
SCOTT'S EMULSION.....\$13.00

TOILET ACCESSORIES:—  
Perfumes, Bottles, Cakes, Crystal, Combs, Brushes,  
Sponges, Sponge Bags, Flesh Globes  
and Belts.

Perfumes:—Pineapple, Almond, Cologne, Rick-  
sacker and Brown Perfumery Co.

Hongkong, 23rd September, 1893. [28]

D. R. KNORR'S

LION BRAND  
ANTI-PYRINE.

(DOSE FOR ADULTS: 15 TO 25 GRAMS TROY.)

IT is the most approved and most efficacious  
remedy in cases of HEADACHE, MI-  
GRANE, NEURALGIA, RHEUMATISM,  
FEVER, TYPHUS, INFLUENZA, DENGUE,  
ERYSIPELAS, HOOPING COUGH, and  
many other complaints. It is also the very  
best Antipyretic. Highly recommended by the  
Medical Faculty. Ask for Dr. KNORR'S  
ANTI-PYRINE! Each Tin bears the inventor's  
signature "Dr. KNORR" in red letters.

"DERMAYOL" is the best Vulnerary; its  
effect is stimulating the closing up of Wounds,  
is highly antiseptic, and has at every reputed Chemist and  
Druggist constantly on hand at the China  
Import, Export, and Bank Co.—Sole Agents for  
China.

Derma-yol is a valuable medicine.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1894. [168]

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LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

SHIPS' STORES.

WINE, SPIRITS, STOUT, ALE, LIQUEURS.

TEACHER'S "HIGHLAND REAM" WHISKY.  
NAPIER JOHNSTONE'S HIGHLAND WHISKY.

ADET SEWARD & Co.'s BORDEAUX WINES.  
SACCORIE'S SHERRIES.

HENRY THOMSON & Co.'s AND JAMESON'S IRISH WHISKIES.  
COATES' PLYMOUTH GIN.

HOBOKEN DE BIE & Co.'s ROLLANDS.  
VERMOUTH, RUM, GINGER WINE, CHERRY BRANDY.

CIGARS and TOBACCO.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1894. [30]

## THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremlin"—A. B. C. Code.—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East,  
affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of  
the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf  
(the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping  
Offices.

The HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.  
The TABLE D'HÔTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cutlery being  
under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to  
spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communications.  
The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new, Bar and public  
BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.

The WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied.  
HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers  
and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

Hongkong, 17th November, 1893. [229]

## W. BREWER.

LARGE SELECTION OF NEW TENNIS RATS, INCLUDING:—

THE DEMON—Special Champion.  
Champion Tennis Balls and Match Balls.  
Tennis Shoes, Nets and Poles.

Balls of the Heavens.  
Balls in the High Heavens.  
Gore's—The Visible Universe.

Mason's—The Principles of Chess.  
Hypocritism and the New Witchcraft.  
Castle's—Schools and Masters of Fence.

Denny's Folk Lore of China.  
New Queen's Regulations.  
Spon's Mechanics' Own Book.

Seaton's and Routhwaite's Marine Engineering  
Rules and Tables.

Macgregor and Calvert's Engineers' Almanack.  
Cass's Fontaine and Stylographic Pens.  
Billiards Simplified.

Geddes'—Chapters in Modern Botany.  
Prince D'Ore's—Around Tongking.  
Sutton's—Innocent and Malignant.

Strahan's—Suicide and Insanity.  
Squire's—Care and Prevention of Consumption.  
Roberts'—The Earth's History.

Hale's—Explosives.  
Phillips'—Metallurgy.

W. BREWER,  
Hongkong, 20th March, 1894. [140]

## KELLY & WALSH, LD.

NOW READY,  
TUESDAY, 6TH MARCH.

PRICE ONE DOLLAR.

DOLLAR AND STERLING  
EXCHANGE TABLES

FROM 1s. 9d. TO 1s. 11d.

FORMING A SUPPLEMENT TO OUR PREVIOUS EXCHANGE TABLES.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1894. [6]

## CENTRAL HOTEL, SHANGHAI.

Electric Lighting  
throughout  
the Premises.

Telegraphic Address:—  
"CENTRAL"  
SHANGHAI.

THIS long-established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river in the  
centre of the Settlements, is now fitted with the latest modern improvements, including Bath  
and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid  
on, DOUCHE, SHOWER, SPRAYS, etc., and heated to a comfortable temperature during winter.

COMMODOUS RECEPTION ROOM FOR VISITORS.  
SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.

An Assistant attends on Passengers' Mail Steamers.

N.B.—Special reduced charges may be arranged for application to the Manager.

F. E. REILLY,  
PROPRIETOR.

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## DAWSON'S PERFECTION OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.

ALLISTON & CO., 101, NASSAU STREET, LONDON AND THE A. & C. CO.,  
25, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1893. [14]

## Intimations.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

TO-MORROW  
(SATURDAY), MARCH 31ST, 1894,  
at 2.45 P.M.

COMPETITION "MARTINI" CUP and  
SPOONS; Ranges 200, 500 and 600 yards;  
Five Shots at each distance. Entrance fee 30  
cents.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN,  
Honorary Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1894. [46]

LOST.

AT the Theatre Royal, City Hall, on the  
night of the 31st instant:—  
A SILVER-BRAIDED WAISTCOAT.  
A PAIR OF SHOE BUCKLES.

The finder will be obliged by returning them  
to "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" OFFICE.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1894.

NOTICE.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN AND THE  
STRAITS, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are reminded that the  
THIRD INSTALLMENT of CALL,  
amounting to FIVE SHILLINGS per Share on the  
Ordinary Shares of the Bank, is DUE on the  
3rd April, 1894, and is PAYABLE at the Office  
of the Bank, No. 4, Queen's Road, either by  
demand Draft on London or in Local Currency  
equivalent.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1894. [373]

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL ROTISSERIE  
will be RE-OPENED on FRIDAY,  
the 9th instant, under new and experienced manage-  
ment.

The STRICTEST ATTENTION will be  
paid to the COUSINE.

A STAFF of thoroughly trained and specially  
selected servants has been engaged, and will be  
under the immediate supervision of the Manager.

Hongkong, 5th February, 1894. [198]

THOMAS' GRILL ROOMS,  
(Corner of Queen's Road and Duddell Street.)

THE Undersigned has always thought that  
such a place as this was the one thing  
needed to fit in between HOTEL LIFE and the  
PRIVATE BOARDING HOUSE—providing it be  
First-class in every detail. A place where one  
may have his GRILLED CHOP or STEAK  
at any hour of the Day, up to 11 P.M.; or later  
if notice be given. He is also prepared to  
SUPPLY MEALS to PRIVATE PARTIES  
per Menu or ORDER—the Parties sending  
Dishes, &c., for same—and Cash. Scale on  
application.

Monthly Board for One Person...\$35.00  
Dinner.....\$15.00  
Breakfast.....\$0.50  
Dinner.....\$0.75  
Dinner.....\$1.00

SPECIAL TIFINS and DINNERS served  
in Excellent Style at short notice.

W. THOMAS,  
Proprietor.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1893. [31]

NGAI SHANG,  
20, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

RATTAN FURNITURE  
of Every Description.

CHAIRS, COUCHES, TABLES, BASKETS,  
CHILDREN'S COTS, &c., &c.  
Latest Patterns, Best Workmanship.

Rattan Core, Split Rattan, Canton Reed and  
Sundries of all kinds.

Hongkong, 28th November, 1893. [35]

J. W. KEW & CO'S  
STEAM WATER BOATS.

PURE FRESH WATER.

THE attention of SHIPOWNERS, AGENTS and  
CAPTAINS is called to the Superior Quality  
of TITMATE FILTERED WATER offered by  
J. W. KEW & Co., also to the advantages  
derived from their being able to Supply their  
Water in one-fourth the time occupied by the  
old fashioned and obsolete hand pumps.

No impeding the loading or discharging of  
Cargo.

Call flag "W." Commercial Code.  
J. W. KEW & Co.,  
c/o Carmichael & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1894. [184]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"PATHAN"

Captain Wright will be despatched for the above  
Port on or about the 4th proximo.

To be followed by the Steamship  
"PORT PHILLIP,"  
early in May.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1894. [230-375]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM-  
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE  
(Calling at Port Darwin and Queensland  
Ports, and taking through Cargo to  
ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND,  
(Tasmania, &c.)

THE Steamship

"AIRLIE"

Captain Ellis will be despatched for the above  
Ports on FRIDAY, the 31st proximo, at Day-  
light.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted  
for Passengers, and has large Comforting Cham-  
bers, thus ensuring a supply of Fresh Meat,  
Ice, &c., throughout the voyage. A daily qual-  
ity of Beer is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1894. [400]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.  
FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"DRYFSDALE,"  
Captain Stewart, will be despatched as above  
TO-MORROW, the 31st instant, at 10 A.M.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 29th March, 1894. [377]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND  
CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"CATHERINE APCAR,"  
Captain J. G. Ollent, will be despatched for the  
above Ports on TUESDAY, the 3rd proximo,  
at Noon.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 27th March, 1894. [399]

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.  
FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Steamship

"GHAEZE,"  
Captain Scotland, will be despatched as above  
on or about WEDNESDAY, the 4th proximo.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 28th March, 1894. [404]

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 I. I. American Bark

"EDWARD MAY,"  
McClure, Master, will load here for the above  
Port, and will have quick despatch.  
For Freight, apply to  
SHEWAN & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 17th March, 1894. [395]

Consignees.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.

## Intimations.

## DR. FENWICK'S FOOD

FOR  
NURSING MOTHERS AND INFANTS  
ALSO FOR  
DYSPEPTICS AND INVALIDS.

It is specially recommended as an article of diet for NURSING MOTHERS as it will strengthen and support them and at the same time enrich the Natural Milk and increase the Supply.

INFANTS FED on this Food put on flesh rapidly.

In two and sixpenny and one and sixpenny bottles at \$1.10 and 70 Cents.

AGENTS IN HONGKONG:  
**DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED,**  
VICTORIA DISPENSARY.  
Hongkong, 12th January, 1894. [36]

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LIMITED.

## WINES AND SPIRITS.

On and after the 1st April, 1894, the Prices of our WINES AND SPIRITS will be as follows:—  
P. O. T.

(For Invalids and general Use.)

Per dozen Case.  
B. Vintage, superior quality, Red Capsule..... \$14.00  
C. Fine Old Vintage, superior quality, Black Seal Capsule..... 15.00  
D. Very Fine Old Vintage, extra superior, Violet Capsule (Old Bottled)..... 20.00

Port after removal should be rested for a month before use. Wine required for drinking at once should be ordered to be decanted at the Dispensary before sent out. These wines are too well known to need comment.

Sample bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates. We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony, or from our authorized Agents at the Coast Ports.

**SHERREY.**  
Per dozen Case.  
B. Superior Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule..... \$10.80  
C. Manzanilla, Pale Natural Sherry, White Capsule..... 12.00  
C.C. Superior Old Dry, Pale Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capsule..... 12.00  
D. Very Superior Old Pale Dry, choice Old Wine, White Seal Capsule..... 14.00  
E. Extra Superior Old Pale Dry, very finest quality, Black Seal Capsule (Old Bottled)..... 20.00

B, C, and C.C. are excellent dinner wines or for invalids and delicate stomachs. D and E are after dinner wines of a very superior vintage. All are true Xeres wines.

Sample bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates. We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony, or from our authorized Agents at the Coast Ports.

**CLARET.**  
Per Case Case  
B. St. Estephe, Red Capsule..... 6.00 7.50  
C. St. Julien, Red Capsule..... 9.00 9.50  
D. La Rose, Red Capsule..... 12.00 13.00  
E. Sainte Foy..... 7.00 7.50  
F. Cuvée..... 9.00 10.00  
G. Chateau d'Anglade..... 12.00 14.00  
H. Chateau Haut Blon Larivert..... 15.00 19.00  
I. Chateau Mouton d'Armailhacq..... 21.00 22.00

Our Claret, including the lowest priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the vines of the grape, and are not artificially made from various and curative, as is generally the case with cheap wines.

Sample bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates. We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony, or from our authorized Agents at the Coast Ports.

**HOCK.**  
Per Case Case  
Nierstele..... 12.00 12.00  
Rudeheimer..... 21.00 21.00  
Hockheimer..... 24.00 24.00

**BURGUNDY.**  
Chablis, white wine..... 15.00 15.00  
Meursault, superior white wine..... 18.00 18.00  
Volnay, very superior red wine..... 21.00 22.00

**MADEIRA AND CHAMPAGNE.**  
Full particulars of the various Brands on application.

**BRANDY.**  
Per dozen Case.  
A. Hennessy's Old Pale, Red Capsule..... \$14.00  
B. Superior Very Old Cognac, Red Capsule..... 16.00  
C. Very Old Liqueur Cognac..... 20.00  
D. Hennessy's Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1872 Vintage, Red Capsule..... 36.00  
E. Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1862 Vintage..... 48.00

All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure Cognac, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

Sample bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates. We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony, or from our authorized Agents at the Coast Ports.

**WHISKY.**  
SCOTCH—  
Per dozen Case.  
A. Thorne's Blend, White Capsule..... \$10.80  
B. Watson's Glenorchy Mellow Blend, Blue Capsule with Name and Trade Mark..... 10.80  
C. Watson's Abolour-Glenlivet, Red Capsule with Name and Trade Mark..... 12.00  
D. Watson's H.K.D. Blend of the Finest Scotch Malt Whiskies, Violet Capsule..... 14.00  
E. Watson's Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky, Gold Capsule..... 15.00

Our lowest priced Whisky is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. We recommend our customers to

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to be deterred by the lowness of price from trying them all. For a soda-whisky, Thorne's Blend and Watson's Glenorchy are equal to any. Abolour-Glenlivet is a very old Scotch Whisky, that could not be replaced in stock at the price. D and E are too well known to need comment.

**IRISH—**  
Per dozen Case.  
A. John Jameson's Old, Green Capsule..... \$12.00  
B. John Jameson's Fine Old, Green Capsule..... 15.00  
C. John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule..... 18.00

All these are very fine and old. C has been stocked in Hongkong in warehouse for 20 years, there being little sale for Irish Whisky in the Colony.

**AMERICAN—**  
Per dozen Case.  
Genuine Bourbon Whisky, Fine Old, Red Capsule, with our Name and Trade Mark..... \$15.00

Sample bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates. We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony, or from our authorized Agents at the Coast Ports.

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Per dozen Case.  
A. Fine Old Tom, White Capsule..... \$ 7.50  
B. Fine Unsweetened, White Capsule..... 7.00

**RUM.**  
Finest Old Jamaica, Violet Capsule..... \$15.00  
Good Licuad Island..... 6.00  
Good Licuad Island..... \$2.50 per Gallon.

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Benedictine, Maraschino, Caracao, Hering's Cherry Cordial, Chartreuse, Dr. Siegel's Angostura Bitters, &c.

**PRICES ON APPLICATION.**  
**A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.**  
HONGKONG DISPENSARY.  
Hongkong, 30th March, 1894.

**BIRTH.**  
At Shanghai, on the 23rd March, Mrs. H. HAYN, of a son.

**MARRIAGE.**  
On the 24th March, at H.B.M. Consulate, Amoy, and afterwards at the Union Chapel, by the Rev. W. McGregor, ROBERT HUNTER, Chemist and Druggist, to ELIZA, daughter of Mr. John Nicholas, St. Mary's, Isles of Scilly, England.

**DEATH.**  
At Shanghai, on the 4th March, ELIZA MORING, widow of the late Rev. M. T. Yates, D.D., aged 72 years.

**THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH.**  
HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 1894.

**"SOAPY JAMES."**  
THE HON. JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK, resident chief of the princely house of JARDINE, MATHEW & CO., is nothing if not original. He is generally nothing; but nothing else under all circumstances could be reasonably expected. Coming events cast their shadows before the Hon. J. J. Keswick has been a 'coming event' ever since he was introduced in this paradise of the gorgeous East, and he hasn't set the colony ablaze yet. Hope on, hope ever. The Hon. Keswick was at his very best when on his hind legs, at the annual meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Ltd., held on the 10th inst. The eminent and princely firm which the Hon. Keswick adorns and directs in Hongkong are General Managers (what an elastic term) of this purely philanthropic institution, and what a good thing they make out of their pious labours will be seen later on, when we quote a few, and only a few, suggestive statistics. Mr. Keswick is and always has been great on the soft-sawder apologetic racket; one would almost imagine that in the days of early infancy he made a most abject apology for having been born. Perhaps that was required—but who can tell? There are even more (or less) illustrious citizens than Mr. Keswick earning a golden reputation in this colony on nothing, and the long expected cataclysm has not yet come. But the honorable gentleman's quasi-apologies to the shareholders of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co. were of a character so amusingly unique as to more than justify a passing notice.

In presenting the Company's report, the General Managers' report, and statement of accounts for the past year, the worthy Chairman, with bitter tears in his voice, remarked that it was a matter of regret to the Consulting Committee and the General Managers, as of course it must be to the shareholders, that it was not possible to present a better report and account of last year's operations. And no doubt it was. Considering that the dividend proposed was \$1.50 per share smaller than for the previous year and that \$60,000 had been taken from the Reserve Fund to meet losses incurred in the United Kingdom, there was certainly more than sufficient cause for general regret amongst the shareholders, which was in no degree lessened by the Chairman's fatuous and gratuitous observation that fortunately the Reserve Fund could well bear this call upon it. With the solemnity befitting the occasion Mr. Keswick relieved himself of this gem of logical wisdom—"You will perceive that, but for the collapse in the value of the dollar, the aspect of the account would be less unsatisfactory than it now appears." If the shareholders were incapable of perceiving that interesting but uncomfortable fact sticking out from the accounts about a yard and a half, without being reminded of it in the phraseology of a schoolboy, they are a duller lot than the

usual type of Hongkong share investors. And after a few more observations which could not possibly interest anybody, and omitting some very necessary explanations which everybody present yearned to get at but not one had the courage to ask for, the hon. member wound up by plaintively hoping that in future the Company might experience a fair measure of prosperity on the conservative lines they intended to run the business, in spite of the low rates of premia now ruling.

Needless to say no questions were asked and the report and accounts were duly adopted. And yet it might have been worth while to have at least obtained detailed particulars of two items in the Working Account—\$6,559.88 for Charges—salaries, office rent, stationery, etc.—and \$44,203.60 for Commissions. With \$6500 added for Consulting Committee and Auditor, the shareholders are debited with the enormous sum of \$127,363.48 for the collection of net premia amounting to \$358,232.07. Figures sometimes lie and these may not be strictly truthful, but taken at their face value they are highly suggestive and instructive and teach an object lesson that is worth remembering. The General Managers of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., are greatly to be envied, and the saintly and plausible 'boss' of the concern has fairly earned his halo, and the title which heads this article.

## TELEGRAMS.

**RE-ELECTIONS.**  
CORRECTION.  
LONDON, March 28th.

Mr. Thomas Shaw has been re-elected member for the Hawick Burghs, and Mr. R. C. Munro-Ferguson for Leith.

**THE SEAL FISHERIES.**  
Sir Charles Russell (writing for Hackney) will introduce a Bill into the House of Commons to legalize the award of the commission dealing with the future killing of Seals in the Behring Sea.

## FRANCE AND HER COLONIES.

**PARIS, March 21st.**  
The senate voted by 232 to 32, in favour of elevating the Colonial Office from a Secretariat to a Ministry; but the departments of Agriculture, Justice, and Defence in the colonies will remain under control of the respective Home Ministers, instead of coming under the new ministry.

M. Boulanger, a senator, has been appointed Minister for the Colonies. In an interview he said that the French possessions abroad were already large enough, and could not with advantage be extended further. His policy would be to develop their natural resources so as to aid French commerce in the struggle with England and Germany.

M. Boulanger, we learn from the *Journal du Tonkin*, is Senator for the Meuse district, and a prominent man both in business and politics. He has been Director-general des Domaines, and Directeur du Controle in the Foreign Office; he has also acted as 'reporter' of the colonial and naval estimates. He is a hard-working man, of firm and serious disposition, and belongs to the Right Centre party, and is the best of terms with M. La Roche Villeville. This makes it all the more probable that the disputes as to the Indo-China directions have led to this change in the administration of the Colonies.—*Ed. Telegraph*

**ANOTHER DISASTER AT SANTANDER.**  
March 22nd.  
During an attempt to raise the steamer *Machichaco*, which had a contraband cargo of dynamite on board and was accidentally blown up and sunk in Santander (Spain) twenty months ago, a further explosion occurred, whereby seven men were killed on the spot and twenty-seven injured.

**MADRID, March 23rd.**  
The whole town is in a fever of excitement, threatening to wreck the property of the company which own the *Machichaco*. The disorder was so great that the military had to be called out.

**DYNAMITE IN FRANCE.**  
A bomb was fired off in the church of St. Etienne, France, during the sermon. Twenty-three of the congregation were wounded.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**  
**H.M.S. *Suvern* arrived here from Saigon to-day.**  
When a man has no bills against him he must feel as if he belonged to the nobility.

"Money talks," says the proverb. Yes, I may, but the least little scare will shut it up tight.

It is proposed to establish a sugar manufactory at Yau-Yima in the Loosooos, with a capital of 750,000 yen.

H.M.S. *Tamar*, with naval relics, is expected here to-morrow, and the recommissioning will take place on Sunday. The ship will leave for England on April 15th.

For a long time past, the H.K. & S. Bank building in Queen's Road has been tied up to a tree—presumably to keep it from running away. After Mr. Lo Hok Pang and the rest. At now the tree itself has gone!

The "Living Chess" at East Point to-morrow afternoon promises to be a splendid spectacle and the booking of tickets has been in full swing for some time. The costumes are truly magnificent and historically correct, notwithstanding the occasional errors of our friend "Gunny." The rehearsal yesterday gave every indication of a real treat being in store.

At the Magistrate's today, before Mr. H. E. Wedderburn, Mok Pang, formerly assistant to Ho Shing, shopkeeper, was sent to goal for nine months, for stealing \$440 belonging to his employer. Prisoner was given the money to pay out in 1891, but disappeared, and only returned to Hongkong a few days ago. He said he had lost the money in gambling.

The *Hesper* states that the province of Szechuan, which has been the theatre of so many famines, has been comparatively free from the scourge of famine since the beginning of the reign of the Emperor 'Tao' Kuang owing to the measures taken upon themselves to toll the *chiao*, of the realm, 'will soon be reopened. Some influential men of Chungking have lately got together some 700 horses, amounting to nearly 10,000, for the purpose of repelling some of the marauding hordes of the province. As this sum is not sufficient to cover the cost of the journey, an agent will be sent to Shanghai to try to get more horses thence. The steam pumps and engines it is intended to buy from Japan, and shipping engineers from that country will be engaged to direct the enterprise.

The increased cultivation of the poppy in various parts of Europe has, it is said, led to a marked growth in the percentage of opium contained in honey.

The declared value of coal shipped from Kutchinatu during the month of January was \$193,866.75, from Moji \$103,945.10, and from Kuratsu \$37,164.92.

A REGULAR meeting of the Victoria Priory will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, on Thursday, the 5th proximo, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

A TELEGRAM was received in Singapore on the 22nd inst., to the effect that the important arbitration case between Mr. Murray Campbell, railway contractor, and the Siamese Government, had been decided in Mr. Campbell's favor.

The forthcoming Manila Exhibition, to which we referred recently, is now fixed to be held in November next, and according to the programme published in the Manila papers it appears to be a purely local and not an international affair. The Government has voted \$100,000 for the exhibition.

We would direct attention to the advertisement in another column from the Mexican Treasury Department announcing the conditions, etc., of the letting of the monopoly of selling, manufacturing, importing and exporting gunpowder, saltpetre, and sulphur in Mexico, Talpa, and Colima for twenty-five months from the 1st of June next.

Iriguies us pleasure to learn, from many sources, that our comments in Wednesday's *Telegraph* on the inefficiency of the water supply in various parts of the colony have already produced satisfactory results. Since yesterday afternoon the tap has been 'turned off' and a sufficient supply of water made available. But a heavy rainfall is badly needed and would do a world of good.

The *N. C. Daily News* says that the high authorities at Nanking, who tried to clear and deepen the canal around the city last winter by means of the manual labour of 4000 troops, have at last been compelled to give way, and have asked the authorities there to lend them a steam dredger which has been lying idle for a year and could have from the beginning been employed for the sluice.

MESSRS. WARNER, BLODGETT & CO'S trade report, dated Manila, March 21st, says that previous estimates of this year's sugar crop in the Philippines now seem to have been too sanguine. Indications point to a total (for the entire Philippines) of not over 700,000 tons, divided as follows:—Visayas (Iloilo and Cebu) 62,000 tons; Manila 137,500 tons, of which 37,500 tons are 'wet sugar.'

YUAN SHI-K'AI, Chinese Resident in Corea, is expected to leave Seoul for Peking in April to interview Li Hung-chang before taking up his duties as Consul at Wenchow. It is also stated that Governor Li has recommended the Throne to appoint P. Chih-chun, at present co-director of the Naval Academy, to Peking, and at one time Secretary of the Chinese Legation in London, to be the next Chinese Resident at the Korean capital.

The *Siam Free Press* of the 21st inst. says:—"The American cruiser *Centurion* is outside. She is expected to cross the Bar to-day, and make a short stay at Bangkok. One contemporary was mistaken in the *Centurion* was not outside Bangkok on the date named, and there is no intention of sending her there; she will shortly leave this port for the Behring Sea. The U. S. S. *Patrol*, now at Kowloon Docks, is under orders to visit the capital of Siam."

It is reported from Peking that a Hanlin named Ju, proprietor of a well-known book shop in the Capital, has committed suicide by taking raw opium. The act was committed owing to an edict commanding his arrest and trial on the charge of bribing some eunuchs in the Palace in order to procure last summer for a brother Hanlin named Ting one of the best-paying provinces, such as Chekiang, Kiangsu or Kuangtung, to which the latter was to have gone as Special Imperial Literary Examiner of the recent year's examinations. The deceased was only twenty-three years of age.

The *Daily Press* surmises that because news was received here recently to the effect that Kim Ok-in, the leader of the Korean rebellion in the winter of 1893, was about to go from Japan to Shanghai a week or so ago, the current report that he has been murdered in the North China Sea is a matter of fact, and that the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce (who is generally believed to have been smuggled out of Corea in December, 1893, in a coffin, as a dead man) was fool enough to leave Japan, the land of his adoption, and land on the shores of Far Cathay. At the present juncture it would, however, be premature to enter into the causes that might have led to the fatal deed, for no particulars of the tragic affair are yet available, but of one thing we may be sure and it is that by the death of Kim Ok-in the Korean people have lost nothing, and that they are thereby neither further from nor nearer to an era of progress and civilisation than they were ten years ago.

At a meeting of the Singapore Chamber of Commerce held on the 22nd inst. Mr. Frisell proposed and Mr. Cuthbertson seconded:—"That the Committee of the Chamber be instructed to act in co-operation with the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce in bringing before the Colonial Office, through the Government, the necessity of authorizing the coining of a British dollar of the same weight and purity as the Mexican dollar, such coin to be declared legal tender in the Colony and in Hongkong concurrently with the present legal tender."

An amendment Mr. Sohlt proposed and Mr. Allison seconded:—"That the Chamber, while urging the Government to press upon the Colonial Office the great importance to arrive at an early decision on the issues submitted in the Currency Report of September last, refrain from taking any present steps to recommend the introduction of a British dollar following the fortunes of silver."

After an interesting debate, in which the Chairman, the Hon. T. Shefford summed up in favor of the amendment, the question was put to the vote, when Mr. Frisell's proposition was carried by 15 to 8.

We are informed that owing to the pestilential state of the soil in Queen's Road East, past Arsenal Street, where the old drains are now in course of being replaced by the modern system, the of the coolies working on F. W. D. contracts there have been taken ill, and that one of them died yesterday in the hospital. It is a matter of regret that the results of the enterprising provided proved so unworthy of such hearty public support, and that a deservedly popular combination of clever *arriees* should, after a conspicuously brilliant season, by one fatal error have left such a generally unfavorable impression behind them. The piece announced to be played by Arthur Roberts so-called 'resembling' funny business in 'Town,' in three acts with all the original music, songs, and dances, what the Lyric actually produced was a ridiculous medley of ill-allocated scenes, and the comedy business of type, which we believe was brought out at home under the title of 'The

SAYS our Shanghai morning contemporary of March 26 h.—the t-nk steamer *Elar* discharged her cargo in fifteen hours, having completed the operation on Thursday morning. As it was considered necessary to work slowly owing to the tanks being new, she only employed one pump. Had she worked to the full extent of her capacity the oil could have been landed in six hours.

It is reported that Abdoolah Kahn, the private of "Our Very Own" who was recently condemned to death for the wilful murder of a *haidi* of the Hongkong Regiment, has applied to the authorities for permission to be engaged in practice of his profession on the parade ground at Kowloon, and that the military authorities are in favour of the condemned man's request being granted. The civil authorities have not yet arrived at a decision on the subject.

It is reported that Li Han-chang, Viceroy of the Liang Kwang provinces, has appointed Tsoi Hong-long, an experienced Taoist who was formerly Chinese Consul at Singapore for many years, to be Commissioner of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs at Canton. Mr. Tsoi is a Chinese Bannerman, belonging to the sedentary Manchu garrison in that city, and is said to be well-versed in the English literature and language, having received his education at the Peking Government College under Dr. Martin.

The local manager of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China informs us that he is in receipt of a telegram from the head office in London advising that at the approaching meeting of shareholders the Directors of the Bank will recommend a dividend for the half-year ending 31st December last of seven per cent per annum free of Income Tax, place to Reserve Fund \$25,000, thus raising it to \$75,000, and carry forward to this half-year of \$6,000 of undivided profits. The dividend paid for the six months ending 30th June last was at the rate of 7 per cent per annum.

JOSE SANCHEZ DEL AGUILAR, recently a clerk in the Ordinance Store Department of Hongkong, arrived here in the *Taiwan* from Shanghai in custody of Detective John Green this morning, and afterwards appeared before Mr. H. E. Wedderburn in the Police Court to answer to the charge of attempting to pass a forged cheque for \$30, in the name of Captain E. S. Combe, of the Ordinance Store Department, at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank on the 20th January. Sergeant Green applied for a remand until Tuesday, the 3rd instant, which was granted, and the prisoner, who pleaded guilty, was removed to the remand cells.

It will be remembered, says the *N. C. Daily News*, that some time last winter a secret decree was sent to Governor T'an of Hubei, to proceed to Szechuan for the purpose of investigating some charges reported in these columns at the time to have been preferred by his Excellency Kung, Minister to Great Britain, etc., to the Throne upon the latter official's giving up his Transubstantiation to proceed to Europe.

As has now transpired that Governor T'an having arrived at Chingting, the capital of Szechuan, immediately gave orders to the large bankers of the city to produce their books, with the intention of finding out how much money the Viceroy Liu Ping-chang had in his possession. There seems to have been only one item of Tin, 3,000 to the Viceroy's name, all other large sums were put against the surname of 'Liu,' but with no name attached, and to questions asked by the Governor, the bankers refused to answer. There were also one small, two protects and three *chickens* removed from their pens and after an examination, put under the care of the prefect of Chingting and confined in his prison. What will become of these officials and the Viceroy Liu Ping-chang it is hard to conjecture at present, but probably everything will become plain as soon as the Governor's secret memorial on the subject to the Throne shall have appeared in the *Gazette*. His Excellency T'an started on his return journey to Hubei on the 10th inst., accompanied by his suite of one Taoist (Yu), two *chickens*, and a suite of secretaries, and his guard of some sixty troops, and will probably arrive at Wuchang by the beginning of next month.

**A SCHOOL FOR KOWLOON.**  
A public meeting of Kowloon residents was held in the Kowloon Hotel last night, to hear the report of the Committee appointed at a previous meeting to consider matters connected with the proposal to establish a public school at Kowloon for the children of European parents. Mr. H. J. Holmes presided, and there was a good attendance.

The Chairman stated that since the last meeting (which was not open to the public) the Committee had then appointed and practically concluded the negotiations, and subject to the consent of the Kowloon residents, in public meeting assembled, had accepted on their behalf the offer of Mr. Gray (at present with Mr. Bulwood in the Victoria English School) to open a school in Kowloon.

Mr. H. S. Cook, hon. secretary of the Committee, read the resolution adopted by the Committee, and then, before the meeting for confirmation, "That Mr. Gray's verbal offer, as reported by Mr. Sawyer, to establish a school at Kowloon exclusively for children of European parents, be accepted; the school to be opened not later than July 4th, and to be under the direction of Miss Gray and a schoolmistress, and the fees to be as mentioned verbally by Mr. Gray."

Some discussion ensued as to whether the word "British" should be substituted for "European," but as motion was made, in the course of further discussion, Mr. Gray gave detailed explanations as to the working of the school.

On the motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Lang, it was agreed "That Mr. Gray's terms be accepted and that the entire control of the school be left to him."

On the motion of Mr. Hatherley, seconded by 'ergent-major Ballen, it was resolved: "That the action of the Committee be approved, and that the present Committee (Messrs. H. J. Holmes, Allen, Sawyer, G. Wilson, and H. S. Cook) be re-elected until the opening of the school, when another public meeting shall be called."

Mr. G. J. W. Klag proposed and Captain Palmer seconded a vote of thanks to the Chairman, hon. sec. and Committee, and the proceedings terminated.

**THE "LYRICS" FAREWELL.**  
The London Lyric Company gave their farewell performance in the Theatre Royal, City Hall, on Monday night to one of the largest audiences of the season. It is a matter of regret that the results of the enterprising provided proved so unworthy of such hearty public support, and that a deservedly popular combination of clever *arriees* should, after a conspicuously brilliant season, by one fatal error have left such a generally unfavorable impression behind them. The piece announced to be played by Arthur Roberts so-called 'resembling' funny business in 'Town,' in three acts with all the original music, songs, and dances, what the Lyric actually produced was a ridiculous medley of ill-allocated scenes, and the comedy business of type, which we believe was brought out at home under the title of 'The

The original music and songs were conspicuously absent, and for once the dancings were decidedly below the usual standard.

"In Town," or "Larks," or whatever the thing is, possesses no plot or argument nor anything resembling one or the other; it is a chief feature on Monday night was the opportunity which it afforded Mr. Henry Kitts of playing the buffoon, and of which he availed himself to the fullest advantage. Mr. Kitts was supposed to represent the character of Dr. Theodor Lamb, a person of no character to speak of but with quite a large number of peculiar characteristics. So long as he was attired in the habiliments of everyday life the eccentric comedian of the Lyrics was the same old Kitts Hongkong audiences know so well—the same lame gestures, the same twisting of the mouth, the same spasmodic efforts to be funny—his principal stock-in-trade in most of the farcical comedies in which he takes part. However, it was when he started in at what he doubtless imagines is burlesque that Mr. Kitts astonished the audience. As the Ancient Briton or noble Roman, or whatever his make-up meant, he was decidedly funny, but when he appeared in a woman's frock with a portion of the front part of it purposely left open, he simply outraged the proprieties and insulted every decent person in the house. Anything more vulgarly coarse and indecently suggestive has never been seen on any stage; in fact it was an exhibition that at once placed Mr. Kitts' performance outside the pale of criticism. If not for his own sake, out of consideration for the management the actor should have remembered, no matter how much laugh or his antics evoked from the back seats, that there was a large number of respectable women in the theatre who will scarcely care to repeat such an unpleasant experience so unexpectedly sprung on them. This, usual as it always recognized Mr. Kitts' merits as a most useful actor in his own line and was not at all surprised when he deserved it; but the line must be drawn somewhere and we draw it very firmly at such a degrading exhibition as that just referred to.

Of the other characters Mr. Lyn Harding as the great and only *Yinks* played extremely well, and displayed skill and agility in the Terpsichorean business that came as a great surprise. Mr. Verner as *Poghot* had only to go through the routine of his everyday work to be the stage manager to life. The Hon. Guy Pitts Smith, a fool of the Dandery type, furnished Mr. Geo. Mallett few chances of scoring, and Mr. J. H. Nunn was dismissed out of his element as *Charley Dentist*. Mr. D. C. Smith was the *Call Boy*, and he looked and spoke like the genuine article.

Owing to the sudden indisposition of Miss Stella Leigh, Miss M. Gregor was called upon at very short notice to take up the *role of Kate Prosser*, and under all circumstances, gave a very praiseworthy rendering of the part. Miss Frances Triggs was a vivacious *Popsy Lee*, and Miss Gladys Tassell (in lights) a picturesque *Miss Jack St. Jack*. The best played part in the piece was the *Maria de Marle* by a student, Miss Alice, who was a clever, well-trained actress, and with her customers skill and discretion. Mrs. J. F. Brian was exceedingly amusing as Mrs. Lamb, and contributed in no small measure in keeping the dreary business alive. The musical efforts were weak all round and, as already noted, the dancing left something to be desired, which was hardly to be wondered at considering the recent steam-lunch trips to and from Canton. Laughter was plentiful throughout the evening, but it was not altogether in consequence of either the merits of the burlesque or the quality of the performance, and the managers of the Lyrics will be wise to promptly expunge this version of "In Town" from their repertoire.

We believe that Mr. Saville Smith has under consideration the advisability of playing a season in Vancouver if satisfactory arrangements can be made; if not, the Company will return to Hongkong some time in June.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**  
[We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.]

**CHINA COASTING.**  
TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." SIR,—I have heard and read so much lately about China coasting, and especially in connection with the recent deplorable *Hanghow—St. Athol* collision catastrophe, that I would esteem it a great favor if some experienced coaster would answer me the following questions through the medium of your valuable columns:—

1.—The distance from Hongkong to Breaker Point, and how the currents set in during the N.E. monsoon?



